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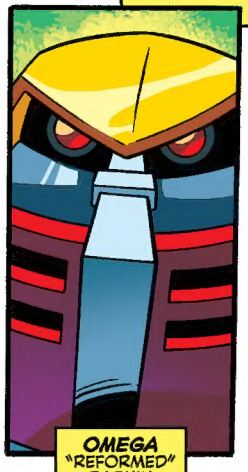

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WE HAVE TO SECURE THE MASTER EMERALD! IT'S NOT SAFE HERE!
IT STAYS RIGHT HERE!
ECLIPSE IS YOUR PROBLEM!
IT'S YOUR FAULT HE'S HERE!
SO DEAL WITH HIM!

THIS IS A WASTE OF MY TIME.
FWASH
FWASH
TEAM DARK-- HEAD BACK TO THE SHUTTLE.
I WILL USE CHAOS CONTROL TO MOVE THE MASTER EMERALD AND MEET YOU THERE.
NO!
I WON'T LET YOU--!
GET.
OUT.
OF.
MY.
WAY.
SHADOW! STAND DOWN! THIS IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL!
IGNORE HER! DO IT!!

CLUD
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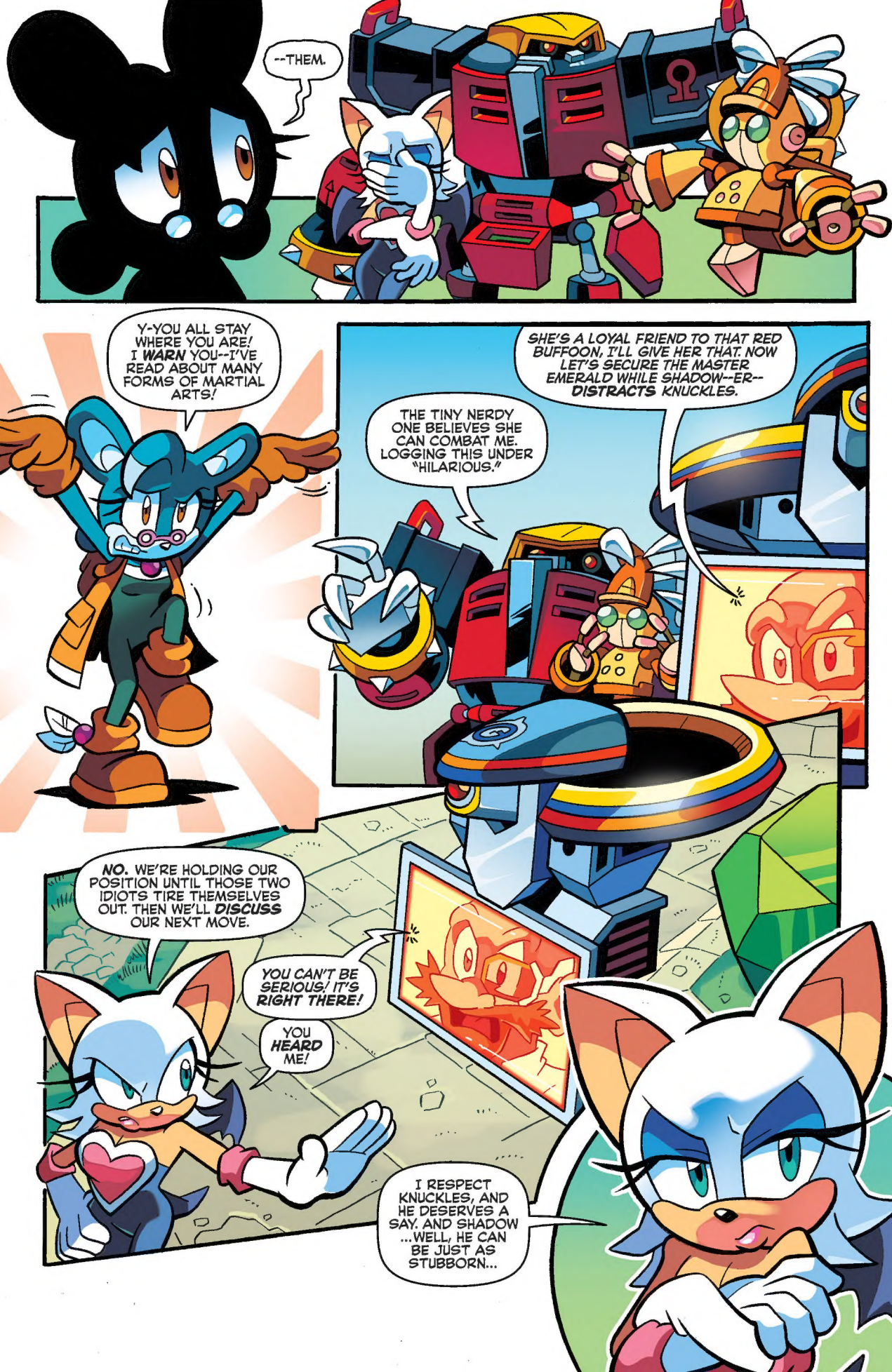
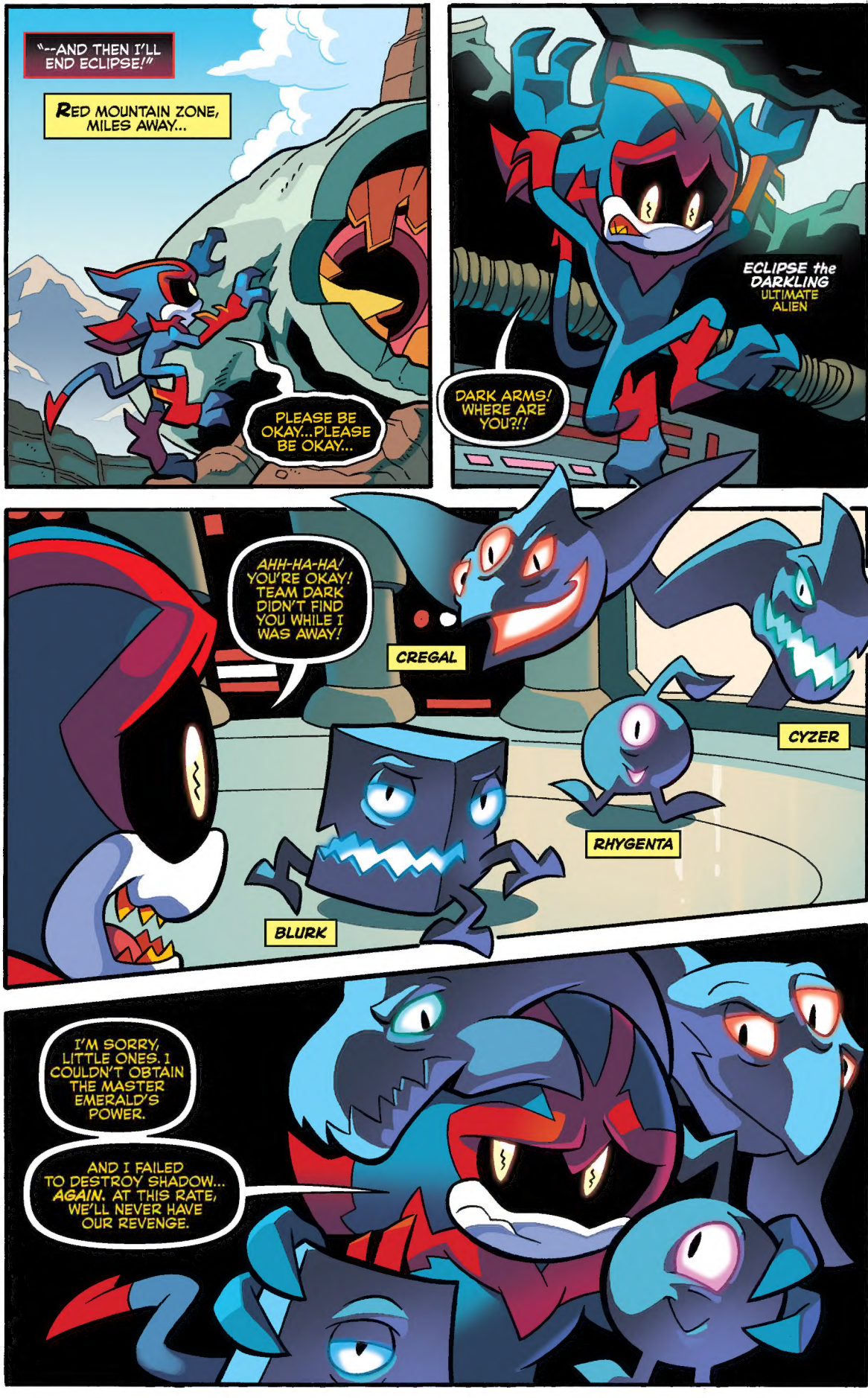
THANKS, RELIC.
BE RIGHT BACK.
GOTTA GO BREAK A FACE.
KNUCKLES! WAIT! DON'T LEAVE ME WITH--!

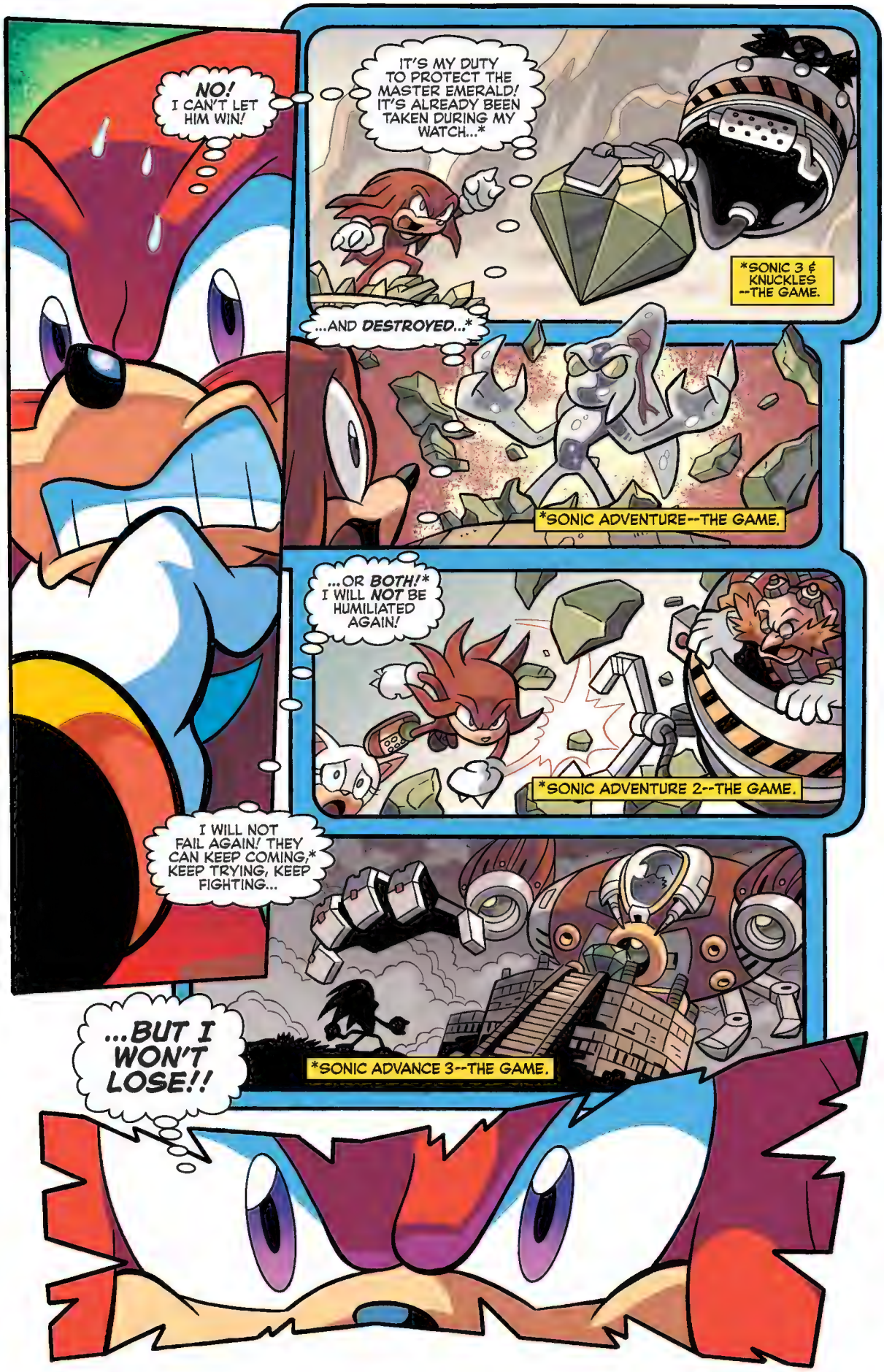

--THEM.
Y-YOU ALL STAY WHERE YOU ARE! I WARN YOU--I'VE READ ABOUT MANY FORMS OF MARTIAL ARTS!
SHE'S A LOYAL FRIEND TO THAT RED BUFFOON, I'LL GIVE HER THAT. NOW LET'S SECURE THE MASTER EMERALD WHILE SHADOW--ER--DISTRACTS KNUCKLES.
THE TINY NERDY ONE BELIEVES SHE CAN COMBAT ME. LOGGING THIS UNDER "HILARIOUS."
NO. WE'RE HOLDING OUR POSITION UNTIL THOSE TWO IDIOTS TIRE THEMSELVES OUT. THEN WE'LL DISCUSS OUR NEXT MOVE.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! IT'S RIGHT THERE!
YOU HEARD ME!
I RESPECT KNUCKLES, AND HE DESERVES A SAY. AND SHADOW ...WELL, HE CAN BE JUST AS STUBBORN...

AZURE LAKE ZONE
"...BUT I THNK ECLIPSE HAS MESSED WITH HIS HEAD."
PLAP
BWUF
WHUD
HAHAHAHA! YOU'RE GETTING TROUNCED!
SHUT UP! YOU'RE NOT HERE. JUST A VOICE. IT'LL PASS.
AM I A LINGERING PSYCHIC ATTACK? OR YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS REALIZING YOU'RE PATHETIC?
FOCUS. STOP KNUCKLES. SAVE THE WORLD.
HAHAHA! WHILE HE WASTES YOUR TIME FIGHTING, I'LL COME BACK FOR THE MASTER EMERALD!
AND THEN YOUR PRECIOUS WORLD WILL BURN! ALL BECAUSE KNUCKLES WOULDN'T LISTEN!
HAD ENOUGH YET?!
I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK.


"--AND THEN I'LL END ECLIPSE!"
RED MOUNTAIN ZONE, MILES AWAY...
PLEASE BE OKAY...PLEASE BE OKAY...
DARK ARMS! WHERE ARE YOU?!!
ECLIPSE the DARKLING
ULTIMATE ALIEN
AHH-HA-HA! YOU'RE OKAY! TEAM DARK DIDN'T FIND YOU WHILE I WAS AWAY!
CREGAL
CYZER
RHYGENTA
BLURK
I'M SORRY, LITTLE ONES. I COULDN'T OBTAIN THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER.
AND I FAILED TO DESTROY SHADOW... AGAIN. AT THIS RATE, WE'LL NEVER HAVE OUR REVENGE.

WHAT?
YOU WANT TO HELP ME FIGHT? BUT YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG AND--
THIS HAD BETTER BE WORTH IT. WE HAD TO GO WELL OUT OF OUR WAY TO CULTIVATE THOSE WISPS FOR YOUR SCHEME.
AND TO LEAVE IT TEEMING WITH LIFE FEELS... UNNATURAL.
WE CAN HARVEST THEIR WORLD LATER.
YOU'LL SEE, MASTER. THE POWER THAT MY DARK ARMS WILL GIVE OUR FORCES WILL PAY OFF TENFOLD!
FWO-BOOM
...YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS AS MUCH YOUR FIGHT AS MINE. AND YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH ALREADY...
YES! I BRED YOU TO BE MY PERFECT WEAPONS. SO LET THE SLAUGHTER BEGIN!

HERE YOU GO! THE WORLD YOU'RE ABOUT TO DEVOUR!
STAY CLOSE TO ME! FOLLOW MY EVERY ORDER! OH-HO-HO-- BRACE YOURSELF FOR ROUND TWO, "BROTHER"...
"...WE'RE GOING TO TEAR YOU APART!"
WHUD
GAK!


NO! I CAN'T LET HIM WIN!
IT'S MY DUTY TO PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD! IT'S ALREADY BEEN TAKEN DURING MY WATCH...*
*SONIC 3 & KNUCKLES --THE GAME.
...AND DESTROYED...*
*SONIC ADVENTURE--THE GAME.
...OR BOTH!* I WILL NOT BE HUMILIATED AGAIN!
*SONIC ADVENTURE 2--THE GAME.
I WILL NOT FAIL AGAIN! THEY CAN KEEP COMING,* KEEP TRYING, KEEP FIGHTING...
*SONIC ADVANCE 3--THE GAME.
...BUT I WON'T LOSE!!

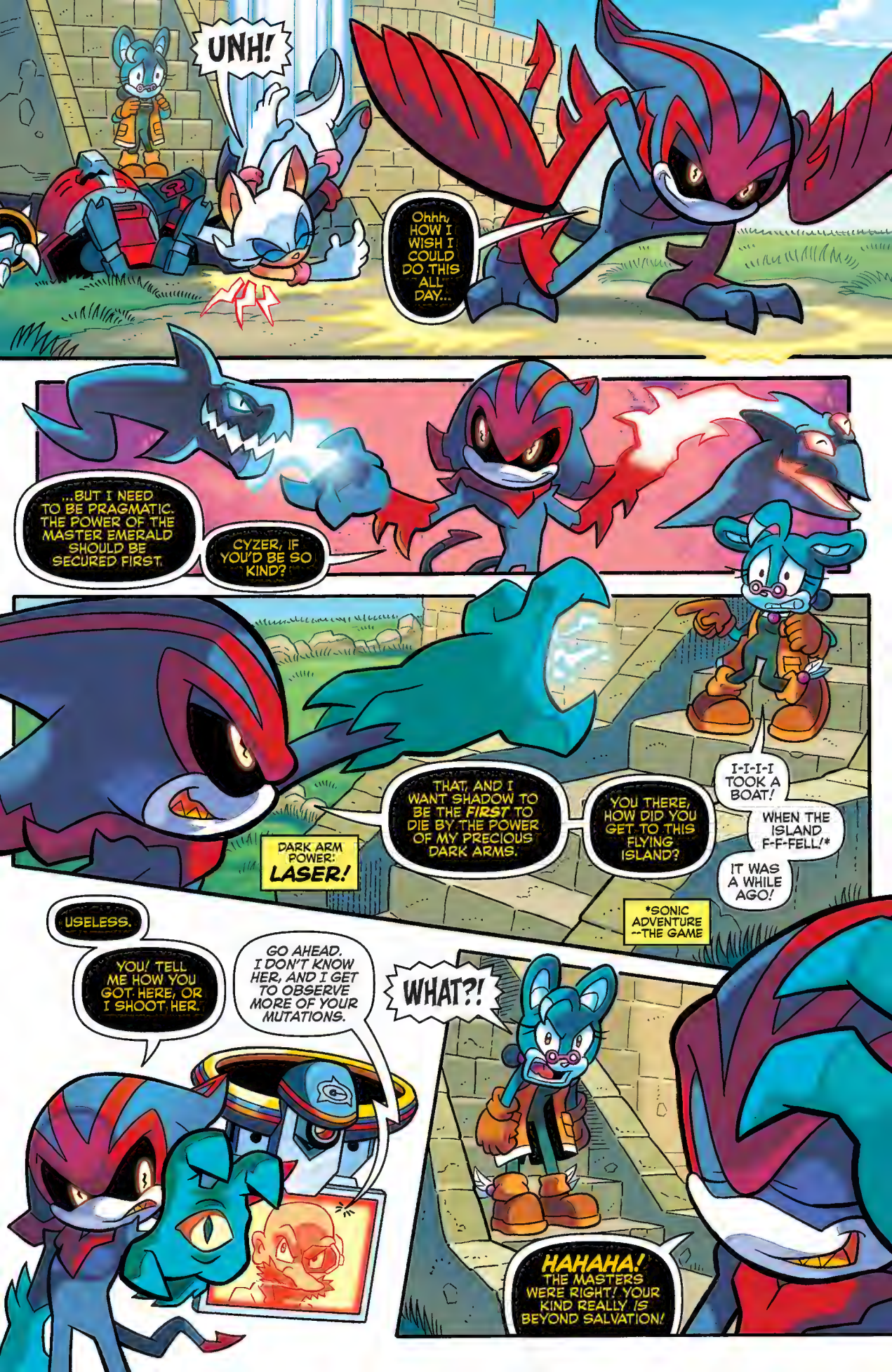
THWAKK
THUD
SO...YOU CAN DO MORE THAN PUNCH...
VREEEEEEE
WHOOM

Huff SOME "ULTIMATE LIFEFORM" YOU ARE. SONIC PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT.
THOK
FWASH
FWASH
ARGH!
FWASH
...NO, WAIT--
THERE! GOTCHA!
FWASH

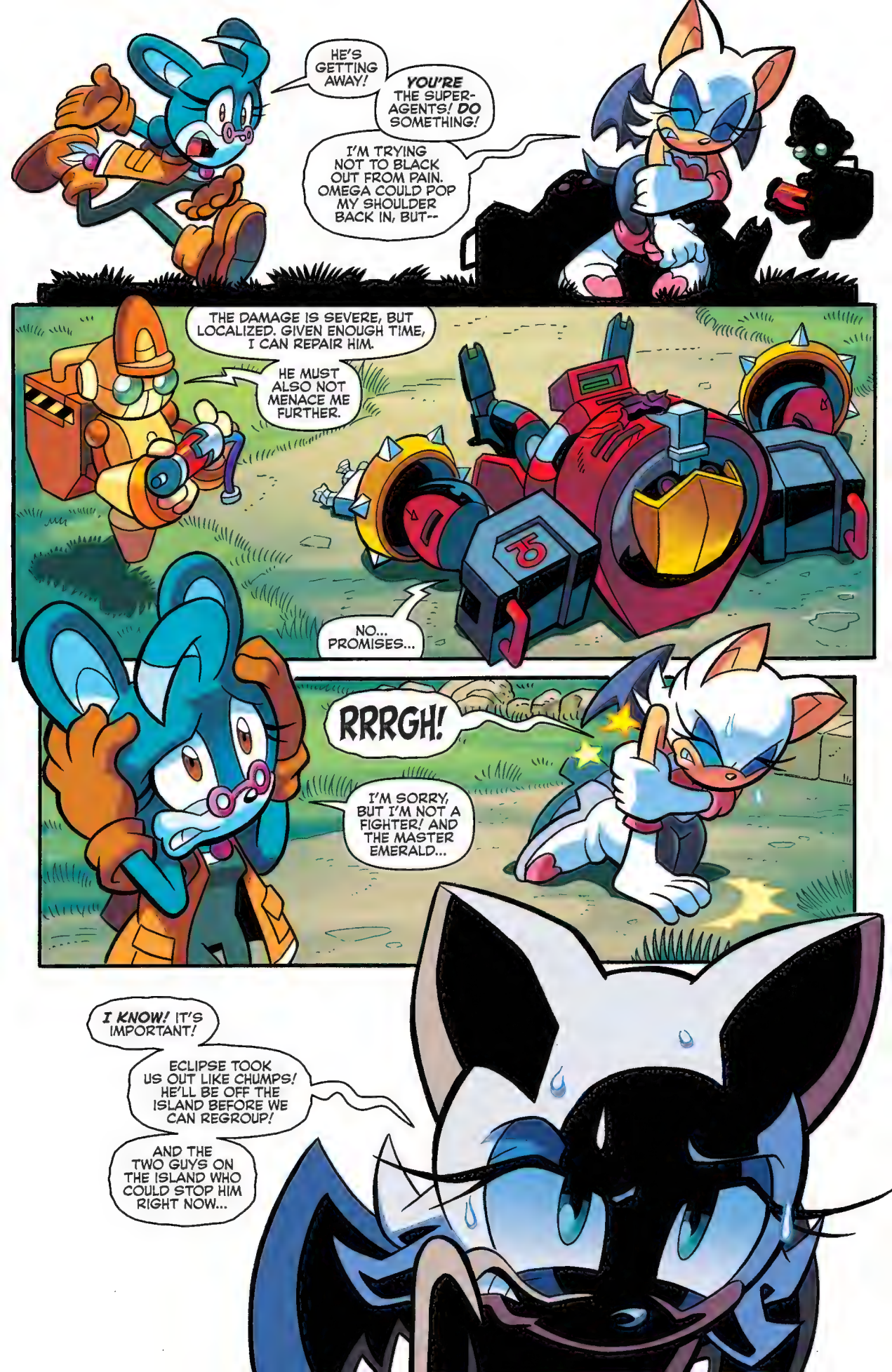
MEANWHILE, BACK ON SHRINE ISLE...
MUST YOU ANTAGONIZE HIM LIKE THAT?
YES. IT IS MY FUNCTION.
WHEN I TELL THE COMMANDER HOW YOU WASTED TIME AND ENDANGERED THE SAFETY OF OUR WORLD...!
THE WORLD IS SHATTERED RIGHT NOW. SAVE YOUR BREATH. WE'RE WAITING FOR SHADOW AND KNUCKLES TO COME BACK. THAT'S FINAL.
IT IS NOT! PLEASE PUT HIM DOWN!
...HELP, PLEASE...
SUCH DECISIVE-NESS!
PERHAPS I'LL GLEAN THAT TRAIT FROM YOU AFTER I'VE CONSUMED YOU?
TARGET ACQUIRED! I DETECTED IT FIRST!
DIBS!
BLURK-- TO ME!
EVERYONE ELSE-- SCATTER!
DARK ARM POWER: ARMOR!
BUDDA-BUDDDA-BUDDA-BUDDA

DESIRED EFFECT NOT OBTAINED. ATTEMPTING EVISCER-ATION!
KRASH
KZZT
WARNING! NEW MUTATION HARDNESS SURPASSES ARMOR THRESHOLD!
Ooh! THIS LOOKS IMPORTANT!
KZZT ENGAGING... BACK-UP... KZZT
OMEGA!
RELIC! FIXIT! HIDE!
Hrm...CAN'T REACH YOU UP THERE...
CREGAL! NOW!

DARK ARM POWER: WING!
SINCE WHEN COULD HE--?!
HAHA! NOT BAD FOR SUCH STUBBY WINGS!
WE'LL SEE IF YOU'RE STILL LAUGHING AFTER I KICK YOUR GROSS TEETH IN!
WHOOSH
AUGH!


UNH!
Ohhh, HOW I WISH I COULD DO THIS ALL DAY...
...BUT I NEED TO BE PRAGMATIC. THE POWER OF THE MASTER EMERALD SHOULD BE SECURED FIRST.
CYZER, IF YOU'D BE SO KIND?
DARK ARM POWER: LASER!
THAT, AND I WANT SHADOW TO BE THE FIRST TO DIE BY THE POWER OF MY PRECIOUS DARK ARMS.
YOU THERE, HOW DID YOU GET TO THIS FLYING ISLAND?
I-I-I-I TOOK A BOAT!
WHEN THE ISLAND F-F-FELL!*
IT WAS A WHILE AGO!
*SONIC ADVENTURE --THE GAME
USELESS.
YOU! TELL ME HOW YOU GOT HERE, OR I SHOOT HER.
GO AHEAD. I DON'T KNOW HER, AND I GET TO OBSERVE MORE OF YOUR MUTATIONS.
WHAT?!
HAHAHA! THE MASTERS WERE RIGHT! YOUR KIND REALLY IS BEYOND SALVATION!

WAIT!
HURRY UP, OR WE'LL SEE IF THIS POWER SHOOTS THROUGH HER LIMBS OR JUST BLOWS THEM OFF.
WE CAME... VIA TROOP SHUTTLE. WE LANDED... IN LAUNCH BASE ZONE.
I'M NOT FROM AROUND HERE, REMEMBER? I HOPE YOU'RE LEFT-HANDED, LADY!
STOP IT! IT'S ON THE... OTHER SIDE... OF THE ISLAND!
JUST FOLLOW THE RIVER TO THE EAST!
IT'S AT THE FOOTHILLS OF THE MOUNTAINS, BUILT OVER A LAKE!
SEE? WAS THAT SO HARD?
WE HAVE OUR RIDE AND OUR DIRECTIONS, LITTLE ONES! GRAB THE MASTER EMERALD, AND LET'S GO!
STOP! BY THE AUTHORITY OF G.U.N. I COMMAND YOU TO--!
ZOT
BLAM
YOU COMMAND NOTHING, LUNCH BOX.


HE'S GETTING AWAY!
YOU'RE THE SUPER-AGENTS! DO SOMETHING!
I'M TRYING NOT TO BLACK OUT FROM PAIN. OMEGA COULD POP MY SHOULDER BACK IN, BUT--
THE DAMAGE IS SEVERE, BUT LOCALIZED. GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, I CAN REPAIR HIM.
HE MUST ALSO NOT MENACE ME FURTHER.
NO... PROMISES...
RRRGH!
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M NOT A FIGHTER! AND THE MASTER EMERALD...
I KNOW! IT'S IMPORTANT!
ECLIPSE TOOK US OUT LIKE CHUMPS! HE'LL BE OFF THE ISLAND BEFORE WE CAN REGROUP!
AND THE TWO GUYS ON THE ISLAND WHO COULD STOP HIM RIGHT NOW...

"...ARE BUSY BEING THICK-HEADED IDIOTS!"
BACK AT AZURE LAKE ZONE...
SMASH
GRRUMMBLE
SPLASH
SPLOOSH

KNUCKLES AND SHADOW
--CRUSHED? DROWNED? BOTH?!
ECLIPSE AND THE DARK ARMS
--ABOUT TO DEVOUR THE WORLD!!
TEAM DARK
--OUT OF COMMISSION?!
THE DARK TRILOGY
--REACHES ITS FEVERED CONCLUSION NEXT TIME!
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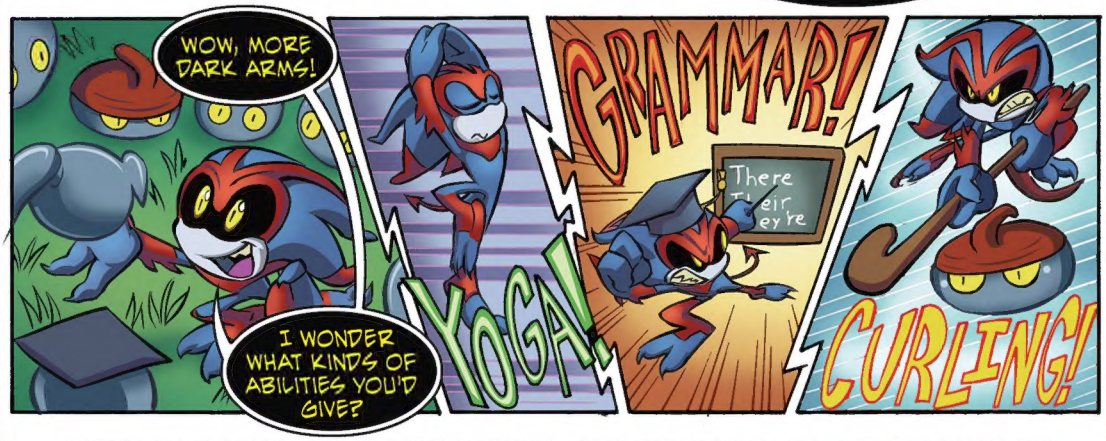

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hey, I enjoy reading your comics.

Lucas R. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Lucas! I enjoy reading your fan mail!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Ok, just to let you know I'm going to be sending a LOT of fan mail WARNING: fanmail-overload-this-kid-is-crazy!!!!!!

Come at me, fan mail!

I just read the Total Eclipse part 1. Let me tell you this -- IT WAS AWESOME!!!! 'Shadow Fall' was amazing, but I can tell this chapter is just pure AWESOMENESS!

All this awesomeness has been brewing since the events of "Shadow Fall" in issues 59-62 as well as "The Great Chaos Caper" in issues 63-66! All three stories together form the Dark Trilogy! You can download the previous stories today for your mobile device! It's 3 times the awesome with none of the mess!

Eclipse totally rocks (no offense, Shadow...) he is my second favorite villain. It was awesome when Shadow kept seeing Black Doom and his Dark Arms in his mind. I just LOVE it when that stuff happens.

It's creepily cool, but I don't think Shadow agrees!

Anyways, before I wrap this up, tell Eclipse to steal the Master Emerald and almost defeat the world. That would be awesome. Really, really awesome.

Not sure I wanna encourage his thievery. Also, if the world is conquered I'd be out of a job!

Oh, can Shadow turn evil again? That was awesome (I love saying that!)

Congratulations, you just had "the usual"!

Eclipse's #1 fan, Grace B. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Grace!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
(Sorta) old fan here! You guys have been treating Sonic like royalty as of late! 2 amazing comics and a new one one the way!

Happy you think so! It's only right to treat the king of speed as such!

I've collected every issue of STH since #221 up to now.

You've built up quite the collection!

Keep up the fantastic work, guys! Make sure to bring on the BOOM!

Solan O. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Solan! We will be bringing the BOOM, the new monthly comic series titled Sonic Boom, that is, starting this month! Plugplugplugplugplug!

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